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Headlines: (U) Statement by the DCI on Allegations of Anti-Semitism

The Agency has been informed that 60 Minutes may run a piece on its Sunday program re-surfacing old allegations of anti-Semitism at the Agency which were reported in the media back in April 1999 by Reuters and National Public Radio.

I have said it before and I will say it again, these allegations of anti-Semitism at CIA are not true. I can assure you that we took a very hard look at this and we have found nothing whatsoever to substantiate these charges. And when I say "we", I am not relying only on internal reviews but on the independent reviews by a group of distinguished citizens, including former government officials and members of the private sector and by members from the Legislative Branch, persons not associated with the Agency or its personnel security process.

I will not tolerate anti-Semitism or any other form of discrimination at the Agency. I know you will join in my commitment to making the Agency a place where the contributions of men and women from a wide variety of ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds are encouraged and valued. Please do not let spurious allegations weaken our resolve and distract us from our mission.

(This is **UNCLASSIFIED**.)